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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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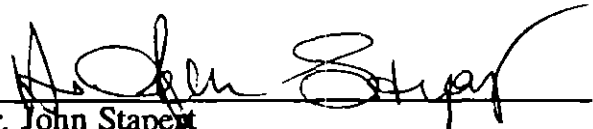
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COALITION OF RELIGIOUS PRESS ASSOCIATIONS
FIRST INTERROGATORIES
TO POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS WILLIAM P. TAYMAN (CRPA/USPS-T9-1-3)
(September 15, 1997)

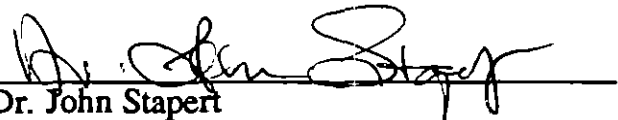
Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Postal Rate Commission's Rules of Practice, the Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA) hereby submits interrogatories. If necessary, please redirect any interrogatory to a more appropriate Postal Service witness.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the above-named document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


Dr. John Stapert

September 15, 1997

CRPA/USPS-T-9-1

Local post offices currently promote the sale of "Looney Tunes" stamps and "stamp products" featuring Bugs Bunny and other cartoon characters. The "stamp products" include neckties, baseball caps, ear rings, pins, wrapping tissue, etc. Has the Postal Service entered any agreement by which any consideration, economic or otherwise, is either received by or paid by the Postal Service to the owner of the Looney Tunes characters for such use on stamps or stamp products? If your response is anything other than an unqualified "no," please describe all economic and non-economic considerations involved in the Postal Service's use of the Looney Tunes characters.

CRPA/USPS-T-9-2

Local post offices are currently selling an array of cartons and mailing envelopes. Does the Postal Service's sale of these products yield, or is it expected to yield, revenue in excess of the costs of these items to the Postal Service, i.e. a surplus?

CRPA/USPS-T-9-3

If your response to question CRPA/USPS-T-9-2 is anything other than an unqualified "no," please indicate whether such surplus is used to offset the Postal Service's institutional costs.

CRPA/USPS-T-9-4

If your response to question CRPA/USPS-T-9-2 is anything other than an unqualified "no," please indicate whether you believe it would be appropriate for the

Postal Service to use the surplus from the sale of packaging products to meet some of the costs of transporting or delivering the mail.